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In re Application of  
Veeneman, Thomas and Remington  
Application No. 09/610,158  
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For: Multi-Merchant Gift Registry

OFFICE OF PETITIONS  
A/C PATENTS  
DECISION GRANTING  
STATUS UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the request for reconsideration of the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed May 11, 2001.

The petition is **granted**.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventors, Veeneman and Remington, have refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application after having been presented with the application papers. Specifically, the Statements of Facts of Ricky Vaughn and David N. Johnson established that the inventors were mailed the application papers, including the specification, claims and drawings, but failed to respond to the request that they sign the declaration.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(a), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventors at the addresses given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The file is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing of the application.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to Petitions Attorney Christina T. Tartera at (703) 308-5589.

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